



**SEATH HOLSWICH MP – STATE MEMBER FOR PINE RIVERS**

## **QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE – ESTIMATES HEARING**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

### **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

**Mr HOLSWICH:** Minister, I refer to page 14 of the SDS which states that the government has discontinued the measure in relation to greenhouse gas emissions saved. Is this an indication that the government is not committed to environmental outcomes or is there another explanation?

**Mr McARDLE:** Again, through you, Mr Chairman, I thank the honourable member for the question. This government believes in transparency and accountability when it comes to energy generation. This means taking a holistic view to all options, with social, environmental and economic considerations in play. This is in stark contrast to our predecessors and the current federal government dollars into funding programs that are poorly costed and lack transparency. We believe in using money intelligently to deliver better and broader outcomes for Queensland.

It has been made clear that the Queensland government does not support the Commonwealth carbon tax, as opposed to the opposition in this state. In the future, the Queensland government will not provide taxpayer funds to projects receiving funding from the Commonwealth programs. The Premier has stated quite clearly that Queensland will not be paying twice in relation to such projects.

The issue of the carbon tax is one component that increases power prices in this state every year. The anticipated cost this year is \$102 and it may well increase to \$190 next year, as I understand the figures. This is an insidious tax and it needs to be removed, as it is one more burden upon the taxpayers of this state and indeed this nation.